# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DR. ANIL AGARWAL, 207-209 West Sherman St. McAdoo, PA 18237-0006, MADHU AGARWAL, 419 Esplanade, Maywood, NJ 07607 & any and all US CITIZENS and permanent residents effected in any way by CONSTITUTIONAL WRONGS OF DEFENDANTS,

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Plaintiffs,

REPORT and RECOMMENDATION

-against-

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, c/o

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

US Congress, c/o Speaker of the Congress, All Federal Courts Judges c/o Court Clerk of United States Supreme Court All US Attorneys, c/o US Attorney General All States of United States, c/o Governor's and/or Attorney General's of the States, Any and All Violators of US Constitution, Any and All Institutions connected with Law, and/or Law Enforcement, Any and All Professionals [lawyers, state courts and municipal courts judges, sheriffs, police officers, court officers] specially connected with Law, Any and All News Media Watch Dogs and Independent Guarantors of US Constitution Rights, Any and All Jane and John Doe's who violated Constitution of America in any way, Rishi Rakshpal, 207-209 West Sherman St., McAdoo, PA 18237-0006, Judge Susan D. Wigenton U.S. District Court for New Jersey, Newark, NJ, Judge A. Richard Caputo, U.S. District Court, Scranton, PA 18501, Judge Thomas M. Blewitt U.S. District Court, Scranton, PA 18501, All Judges of Third Circuit Courts of Appeal, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, All Court Personals of Third Circuit Courts of Appeal 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Third Circuit Courts of Appeal through The Clerk 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, All Sherifs and/or Administrators of detention facilities situated in the United States, Borough of Lodi, One Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ 07644, Sandy De Lo Renzo, Hudson City Saving

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KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX		
UNITED STATES MAGISTRAT	E JUDGE	

TO THE HONORABLE PAUL A. CROTTY, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# INTRODUCTION

The plaintiffs, Dr. Anil Agarwal and Madhu Agarwal, proceeding <u>prose</u>, filed an amended complaint in May 2014, alleging violations of the First, Seventh and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution, and seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. Before the Court is a motion by defendant Patricia A. Krogman ("Krogman") for an order dismissing the complaint, pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The plaintiffs have not opposed the motion.

# BACKGROUND

The plaintiffs commenced this action on March 18, 2014. Thereafter, on March 25, 2014, your Honor directed the plaintiffs to submit an amended complaint to the court's Pro Se Office within sixty (60) days. On May 30, 2014, the Pro Se Office received the plaintiffs' amended complaint, Docket Entry No. 7; it is dated May 28, 2014. The plaintiffs filed a second amended complaint, Docket Entry No. 24, without the consent of the defendants or leave of the court, in contravention of Fed. R Civ. P. 15. Therefore, Docket Entry No. 7 remains the operative pleading.

# Plaintiffs' Contentions

## A) First Amendment Claim

Through the amended complaint, the plaintiffs contend that, inasmuch as the First Amendment to the Constitution allows for "petitioning for a governmental redress of grievances . . . any Federal Courts [sic] Rules, State and/or County law and/rules which can [in] any way prohibit petitioning (by way of putting any extra burden on petitioner should be unconstitutional) should be declared UNCONSTITUTIONAL." The plaintiffs seek a declaration, inter alia, that: 1) "[c]ourt fees are unconstitutional," since they "can be prohibitive" and, thus, they should be "returned to the payers"; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The amended complaint is not crafted clearly, and has been construed liberally by the Court and interpreted to raise the strongest arguments it suggests. See Graham v. Henderson, 89 F.3d 75, 79 (2d Cir. 1996).

2) "[a]Il incarceration facilities in [the] United States should and have to follow inmates [sic] rights to 'free exercise of religion," and 'freedom of speech."" (emphasis in original). According to the plaintiffs, one of them, who is not identified, has been arrested a "few times without due process and . . . was denied free exercise of religion and freedom of speech in more than one way." The plaintiffs also seek a declaration that all court rules or regulations which burden a petitioner "like service of notices[,] etc. may and/or can be prohibitive." The plaintiffs maintain that when a petition is filed "it needs to be provided due process" and when anyone acts "sua sponte [other [sic] word for it is 'ARBITRARY'] VIOLATE'S [sic] DUE – PROCESS [sic] AND THUS VIOLATES ITS (JUDGE/ACTOR) OATH AND VOIDS IT [sic] JURISDICTION OF OFFICE [sic]" the person holds. (emphasis in original).

## B) Seventh Amendment Claim

The plaintiffs also contend that the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution provides for the right to a jury trial "in certain civil cases, according to common law." (emphasis in original). Thus, in every instance where a jury trial is requested, the "presiding officer (Judge) cannot discard [the] Jury [sic] trial request and give himself [the] right of becoming a Jury." The plaintiffs demand a declaration, inter alia, that: 1) anyone violating the petitioner's constitutional right to a jury trial is violating the Constitution; 2) anyone who violates the Constitution cannot take an oath of office and, furthermore, any office holder subject to an oath of office who violates that oath relinquishes his or her office; 3) anyone who violates an oath of office and fails to establish that he or she understood the oath of office makes holding that office void ab initio; 4) once it is established when an office holder violated his or her oath of office or the point at which he or she did not understand the oath of office, the violator becomes "liable of holding the office fraudulently, giving rise to civil and criminal penalties"; 5) a "court or jury can pass [a] writ of 'QUO WARRANTO' to remove that violator of [the] oath of office"; 6) "anyone requesting any summary trial in Jury Trial [sic] cases should be prosecuted for OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE"; 7) any court personnel, prosecutors or attorneys "submitting any fact[,] which they have not verified themselves [,that is] found to

be [untruthful,] should be . . . prosecuted for obstruction of Justice [sic]"; 8) "any and all retirement/pension benefits of [a] person/s that violates the oath/constitution [sic] are forfeited"; and 9) "all cases dismissed without [a] Jury Trial [sic] by the Judge [sic] should be restored to [the] respective court calendar."

#### C) Fourteenth Amendment Claim

According to the plaintiffs, inasmuch as "[a]ll STATES [sic] of [the] United States have very simple laws of Handicap [sic] parking which cannot be said to be equal protection between handicapped and not handicapped . . . any fines collected by any States [sic] [should] be returned to the people who paid it [sic]."

Notwithstanding the various claims made by the plaintiffs, their amended complaint is devoid of factual allegations tending to show how, if at all, any of the defendants engaged in misconduct or what the particular misconduct is for which he, she or it is liable to the plaintiffs.

## Movant's Motion

Krogman filed the instant motion, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), seeking an order dismissing the complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Krogman submitted a memorandum of law in support of her motion, through which she asserts that the plaintiffs' amended complaint, Docket Entry No. 7, contains "no fact whatsoever . . . alleging how . . . Krogman violated the rights of the plaintiffs." According to Krogman, "[t]here is not one mention of . . . Krogman in the complaint, let alone any facts that would allow a Court to draw a reasonable inference that . . . Krogman, acting under color of state law, deprived plaintiffs of any rights. Rather, there is at best, a legal conclusion that all defendants, in some unspecified manner, violated a myriad of rights plaintiffs assert under unspecified provisions of the United States Constitution." As a consequence, Krogman maintains that the plaintiffs' amended complaint "fails to satisfy the pleading requirements of Rule 8" of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and must be dismissed.

## DISCUSSION

"[A] party may assert the following [defense] by motion . . . failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted." Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). "A motion asserting [failure to state a claim] must be made before pleading if a responsive pleading is allowed." Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b). To survive a motion to dismiss, made pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), a complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to "state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009)(quoting Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570, 127 S. Ct. 1955, 1974 (2007)). A claim is facially plausible "when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." Iqbal, 556 U.S. at 678, 129 S. Ct. at 1949. "Conclusory allegations that the defendant violated the standards of law do not satisfy the need for plausible factual allegations." Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Corp., 621 F.3d 111, 191 (2d Cir. 2010)(citing Twombly, 550 U.S. at 555, 127 S. Ct. at 1965). When a motion is made, pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), all facts alleged in the complaint are assumed to be true and all reasonable inferences are drawn in the plaintiff's favor. See Interpharm, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, Nat'l Association., 655 F.3d 136, 141 (2d Cir. 2011). When assessing a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, a court's "consideration is limited to facts stated on the face of the complaint or incorporated . . . by reference, and to matters [about] which judicial notice may be taken," Allen v. WestPoint-Pepperell, Inc., 945 F.2d 40, 44 (2d Cir. 1991), as well as "documents that the plaintiffs either possessed or knew about and upon which they relied in bringing the suit." Rothman v. Gregor, 220 F.3d 81, 88-89 (2d Cir. 2000)(internal citation omitted).

Krogman contends that the plaintiffs' amended complaint, Docket Entry No. 7, must be dismissed, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), because "there is no allegation in the complaint of any facts that would support a finding that . . . Krogman violated any of Plaintiffs' rights" and, consequently, the amended complaint does not state a plausible claim against her upon which the plaintiffs would be entitled to obtain relief from the court. The Court has reviewed the plaintiffs' amended complaint

carefully and concurs with Krogman's observation that it is devoid of any factual allegations concerning Krogman. Therefore, the amended complaint, as it relates to Krogman, does not set forth a claim that is facially plausible, in that the plaintiffs, through the complaint, have not pleaded facts that would allow "the court to draw the reasonable inference that [Krogman] is liable for the misconduct alleged" in the complaint. Therefore, granting the instant motion to dismiss the amended complaint filed by the plaintiffs in this action, Docket Entry No. 7, is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION

For the reasons set forth above, Krogman's motion to dismiss, Docket Entry No. 114, should be granted.

# FILING OF OBJECTIONS TO THIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties shall have fourteen (14) days from service of this Report to file written objections. See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. Such objections, and any responses to objections, shall be filed with the Clerk of Court, with courtesy copies delivered to the chambers of the Honorable Paul A. Crotty, 500 Pearl Street, Room 1350, New York, New York, 10007, and to the chambers of the undersigned, 40 Centre Street, Room 425, New York, New York, 10007. Any requests for an extension of time for filing objections must be directed to Judge Crotty. *Failure to file objections within fourteen (14) days will result in a waiver of objections and will preclude appellate review.* See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 106 S. Ct. 466 (1985); Cephas v. Nash, 328 F.3d 98, 107 (2d Cir. 2003).

Dated: New York, New York August 11, 2015 Respectfully submitted,

Copies mailed to:

KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX

Anil Agarwal Madhu Agarwal UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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